

## TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

## BUSINESS.

Yesterday's bank clearings were \$6,732,167, balances \$23,834. Local discount rates were between 1/4 and 5/8 per cent. Domestic exchange was quoted as follows: New York, 10c premium bid, 15c premium asked; Chicago, 20c discount bid, par asked; Cincinnati, Louisville and New Orleans, 10c discount bid, par asked.

Wheat closed lower at 51c asked May; 51 1/2c No. 2 red. Corn closed lower at 41 1/2c asked May; 41c No. 2 mixed. Oats closed at 37 1/2c asked May; 37 1/2c No. 2 mixed.

Spot cotton was unchanged in the local market.

## LOCAL AND SUBURBAN.

Frank Septowski, a prisoner in jail, reported that he had been victimized out of \$10 by fellow-prisoners.

D. May & Co. of New York bought the Crawford stock for \$53,000.

## GENERAL DOMESTIC.

A united protest will be made to Congress by seamen who wish the repeal of the free distribution measure, which, they say, hurts their business.

Boston customs officials will face a term in the Penitentiary, Treasury Department attaches say, through exposures growing out of the recent lace frauds.

The new House Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads has made a formal request for the papers in the Post Office scandal cases to forestall, it is stated, similar action by Democrats.

No recent reports as to the progress of the Kratz case have been received from Ambassador Clayton. His report is not looked for by the State Department until final action is reached by the Mexican courts.

Charles F. Murphy, Tammany's new schemer, spent several hours in conference with Mayor-Elect McClellan over the appointment of heads for the major departments of the New York administration.

Circuit Attorney Folk speaks at Plattburgh and Mayor Reed and Judge Gantt address a similar Democratic gathering at Marshall.

Martin Rice, known as the "Bard of Lone Jack," is dead.

The Kansas City Star suggests that Missouri Republicans hold an early convention and endorse Walbridge for Vice President.

## FOREIGN.

An inept revolt in the Panamanian army is checked by the prompt department of the alleged plotters to Port Lamon.

An unidentified ship strikes the rocks on the coast of Newfoundland and goes to the bottom with all on board.

Captain Dreyfus confidently expects to prove his innocence at the coming revision of his case.

The lack of an official statement concerning the Kaiser's condition has increased the alarm throughout the Empire over his ailment.

Lord Rosebery explains his success at the stock show by stating that he personally fed and attended to each steer he fattened for exhibition.

An English woman attempts in vain to secure permission to practice law.

England fears an invasion by the American Beef Trust. Newspapers issue solemn warnings against allowing the trust to get a hold in that country.

Ambassador Meyer, an ugly fall while fox hunting in Italy.

## MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

New York, Dec. 5.—Arrived: St. Louis, from Southampton.

London, Dec. 5.—The American Line

steamer St. Paul, which left New York November 28 at 1:30 a. m., one hour and half ahead of the Cunard Line steamer Lucania, which reached Liverpool yesterday, passed the Solly Islands at 12:30 p. m.

Rotterdam, Dec. 5.—Arrived: Statendam, New York. Sailed: Amsterdam, New York, via Boulogne.

Yokohama, Nov. 28.—Sailed: Canfa, from Liverpool, via Hong-Kong, etc., Victoria and Tacoma.

New York, Dec. 5.—The steamer Friesland, from Liverpool, for Philadelphia, is reported by wireless telegraph as passing Nantuxet lightship at 9:15 a. m.

New York, Dec. 5.—Sailed: Etruria, Liverpool, for London; Astoria, Glasgow; Finland, Antwerp; Prinz Adalbert, Naples and Genoa; Philadelphia, Southampton, Pretoria, Plymouth, Cherbourg and Hamburg.

Antwerp, Dec. 5.—Sailed: Kroonland, New York.

Liverpool, Dec. 5.—Sailed: La Savoie, New York.

Liverpool, Dec. 5.—Arrived: Lucania, New York. Sailed: Umbria, New York.

Yokohama, Dec. 5.—Arrived (previously): Kaga Maru, Seattle, for Hong-Kong.

Hong-Kong, Dec. 5.—Arrived: America Maru, San Francisco, via Honolulu and Yokohama.

Singapore, Dec. 5.—Arrived (previously): Eva, Portland, Ore.

Yokohama, Dec. 5.—Arrived (previously): Tacoma, Tacoma, from Hong-Kong; Victoria, Tacoma, for Hong-Kong.

INVESTIGATES "PAPER" ROAD.

Judge Prouty Declares Salt Company Recreated Trust.

Hutchinson, Kas., Dec. 5.—Judge C. A. Prouty of the Interstate Commerce Commission held an investigation here today of the alleged rebates granted by railroads to the Hutchinson (Kas.) Salt Company.

It was charged that the Hutchinson and Arkansas River Railway existed on paper merely for the purpose of obtaining rate concessions from the other roads, and thus obtaining an advantage over independent salt operators.

Judge Prouty decided that such rebates had been given, and ordered them to be discontinued.

Joy Morton, president of the salt company, said that about \$1000 had been paid in rebates this year. W. K. Biddle, freight manager of the Santa Fe, testified that the tariff of 25 per cent was to be paid to the alleged paper railroad, which the commission afterwards decided was owned by the salt company.

Mr. Biddle would not admit that the rebate had gone to the salt company.

The inquiry was not finished today. Judge Prouty said he would inspect the books of the treasurer of the salt company's road, and would take further testimony in Chicago on December 22. Judge Prouty announced that the roads participating in the issuance of the joint tariff would be asked to pay the number, as J. P. Tracy, who solicited the rebates. The tariffs of the Hutchinson and Arkansas River Railway will be canceled.

TEXAS TRAFFIC AGREEMENT.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 5.—A bulletin from Nacogdoches says Ben Winchell of the Frisco-Rock Island system made critical examination of all the properties of the Texas and New Orleans line between Dallas and Beaumont yesterday and this morning.

He announced that he would go to Chicago by way of Shreveport, going to Shreveport over the Houston, East and West Texas Road.

ERIE RAILROAD RETRENCHMENT.

Greenville, Pa., Dec. 5.—Acting on the orders of the United States Steel Corporation, retrenchment is being made in all departments of the Bessemer and Lake Erie Railroad. Operators, trainmen and employees of all classes to the number of several hundred have been discharged.

## TAMMANY'S HEAD MAKING UP SLATE.

Confers With Mayor Elect McClellan on Candidates for Major Offices of Greater New York.

## AUGUST BELMONT IN PARTY.

New Democratic Leader Making Careful Selection of Trusty Henchmen to Head Important City Departments.

## REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Washington, Dec. 5.—Ostensibly for the purpose of attending the dinner of the Gridiron Club, but really to discuss candidates for appointment to offices in New York City, Grand Sachem Charles F. Murphy of Tammany Hall came to Washington this morning. He went to the hotel where Representative McClellan, who is to be Mayor of Greater New York, is stopping.

With the Sachem is Philip Donahue, who is prominent in the organization, and who is said to be slated for one of the good offices, and August Belmont, Jr., what Mr. Belmont is doing in the party, if he has any real connection with it at all, he declined to receive newspaper men.

Representative McClellan and Sachem Murphy had breakfasted together and remained in conference several hours. Later they left the hotel to go to the Capitol, where the Sachem met some friends of Representative McClellan.

"Of course, we talked over the situation in New York," said Mr. Murphy, "but I am not at liberty to give out anything. From other sources it was learned that names under consideration are those of Philip H. Oakley, for Fire Commissioner; Thomas J. O'Brien, for Sheriff; Jacob Marks, for Sheriff's Counsel; and Thomas M. Campbell, for Deputy Police Commissioner."

JOSEPH W. FOLK MAKES SPEECH AT PLATTSBURG.

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corruptionists, with all their power and wealth, will be overcome and overthrown."

VANDIVER SPEAKS FOR FOLK.

Congressman Addresses Folk Club at Mexico, Mo.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Mexico, Mo., Dec. 5.—Congressman W. D. Vandiver of the Fourteenth District of the House of Representatives, who has a membership of over 700 persons, here this afternoon.

It was the opening gun of the club, which has the distinction of being one of the largest yet organized in this part of the State. The audience was one of the largest that has assembled in Mexico to hear a political speech since the last campaign.

Mr. Vandiver said, in part:

"I am proud of the record of every Democratic administration in Missouri from that of Woodson to Dockery inclusive. As a whole it is a record that any party might well be proud of. I have been personally acquainted with every Governor from Hardin to the present time. I have seen the progress of the State and I want to say right here in this town that the progress of the State has been made by the administration of the present Governor."

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## CONGRESS'S ACTION PLACES WOOD IN PECULIAR DILEMMA.

Elimination of Recess by Merging of Extra and Regular Sessions Apparently Reduces Wood to Grade of Brigadier General and Affects 167 Army Officers in Similar Manner—Crum's Position at Charleston Vacated by the Act—President Must Now Send Nominations to Senate as if They Had Never Been Made.

Washington, Dec. 5.—By the manner of adjourning the House to-day the extra session of the Fifty-eighth Congress will expire by constitutional limitation Monday, when the regular session will begin.

This eliminates the possibility of a recess between the two sessions and opportunity for the President to renew his civil and military recess appointments.

Such appointments as have not been confirmed by the Senate during the extra session must be renewed simply in the form of nominations, which in effect are but recommendations and do not become effective in any case until confirmed by the Senate.

LEONARD WOOD TEMPORARILY REDUCED.

In effect, this action will remove General Leonard Wood from his present rank of Major General, to which the Senate has not confirmed him, to the rank of Brigadier General, which he held prior to August 5 last.

It also will reduce, in like manner, 167 army officers, who were promoted respectively to fill the vacancies caused by the promotion of General Wood.

The important civil appointments affected include William D. Crum, collector of Customs at Charleston, S. C.; Charles P. McClelland, as a member of the Board of General Appraisers of Merchandise at New York, and T. V. McAllister of Vicksburg, Miss., as receiver of public moneys, all of whom are serving under recess appointments, the effect being to vacate their present positions.

CRUM'S POSITION MAY REMAIN VACANT.

As Collector Crum's recess appointment has thus been terminated, and the situation in the Senate has been such that his confirmation is in jeopardy, the collectorship of the port of Charleston will remain vacant until the expiration of the next session of Congress, unless the President selects some one else for this place and the nomination is confirmed by the Senate.

While no official representation has been made by the Senate to the House, several informal conferences have been held between the leading Republican Senators and Speaker Cannon.

In these conferences, the Speaker has stated that the House had no constitutional authority to make executive appointments or confirmations, and that if the creation of a recess was necessary to take care of such matters, the Senate should have taken official action looking to adjournment of the special session by concurrent resolution.

In the absence of such a movement, the Speaker said he should not interfere in any way in the expiration of the extra session by constitutional limitations.

All of the nominations, including army, navy and civil appointments made by President Roosevelt during the extra session, and which have not been confirmed by the Senate, will have to be renewed at the regular session. It is expected that these nominations will be retransmitted by the President Monday next.

WAR DEPARTMENT SPLITS A FEW HAIRS.

At the War Department the officials are not quite so clear in their minds as to the exact status of the military officers whose nominations have failed of confirmation. There is a disposition to take the point of view that between the expiration of the present session and the beginning of the regular session there will necessarily be no session, and consequently Congress is technically not in session. It would be within the power of the President at any time after Monday noon to make recess appointments to continue during the next session, until otherwise disposed of.

The officials are not united as yet in their view upon this point, but the new nominations which are being made are not of the same nature as those which were made during the extra session, and it is to be expected that the complex questions involved may require the decision of the Attorney General.

The Medical Congress is composed of Doctors W. E. Fischel, V. G. Moore, H. L. Laidley, F. J. Lutz and Herman Tubolski.

SPEAKS OF EDUCATION THAT BEST FITS FOR A LIFE.

Doctor Taylor of Decatur Addresses Teachers and Pupils of the Alton Schools.

President Taylor of Milliken University, at Decatur, Ill., delivered an address yesterday morning in the High School auditorium before the teachers and pupils of the Alton schools. He made a large number of references to the education of the citizen.

President Taylor was invited to deliver the address by the Board of Education. He spoke on "The Education of the Citizen." He said that the education of the citizen is the most important thing in the world.

"The old education that makes the teaching of subjects the end of school-teaching," said Doctor Taylor, "which makes the development of the child its chief end, capacity to handle capital rather than capital itself should be the endowment given to the child."

All of our education should be so directed that the child should be cultivated, but the crowning activity is the thinking activity, the mere showing of facts and figures counts little in an education. It is rather the power to use facts and figures that accomplishes much in this world. There are three old-fashioned educational virtues that characterize the ideal thinking activity: accuracy, rapidity and far-sightedness.

"A man's method of thinking is easily learned by his method of doing, particularly of doing those things he makes his life work. The lack of accuracy in general in every trade and profession is an evidence of a lack of accuracy in the thinking of the man. Its origin is easily found in the home and in the schoolroom. Business men are constantly complaining of the want of accuracy and adaptability in the products of our public schools. The young man who is trained to do everything well will sooner or later succeed anywhere."

"Far-sightedness is a comprehensive term, involving keen perception, ready judgment, fertile imagination, accurate memory, and the power to see the complex elements in a problem and make greater speed in its solution possible. Its development may be slow, but its attainment is worth the time and labor required; for instance the achievements in science, in the arts, in literature, in the business world."

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